



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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RE: 2017-04-209

Ms. Beryl Lipton  
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Dear Ms. Lipton:

This concerns your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the Department of the Treasury on insert April 28, 2017. You seek records regarding:

1. All organizational and structural materials related to the setup of the task force, including the names of all members and responsibilities.
2. All materials related to meetings between members or auxiliary members of the task force, including notes, meeting minutes, agendas.
3. All available lists and related materials regarding regulations to be kept and regulations to be cut, as well as any notes, reports, or other materials being used to support or inform the assignments.”

The names of the individuals on Treasury’s Regulatory Reform Task Force are listed below.

- Regulatory Reform Officer and General Counsel, Brent McIntosh
- Deputy Chief of Staff Alden Wood
- Deputy Assistant Secretary Bimal Patel
- Deputy Assistant Secretary Jared Sawyer
- Deputy Assistant Secretary Tim Skud
- Tax Legislative Counsel Tom West
- FinCEN Chief Counsel Jimmy Kirby
- IRS Associate Chief Counsel Kathy Zuba

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A reasonable search located 43 pages of materials responsive to your request. After carefully considering these records, I am releasing 39 pages in whole and 4 pages in part. The withheld information is protected from disclosure under the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). There are no fees assessed at this time since allowable charges fell below \$25.

**FOIA Exemption 6** provides protection for records and information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. This requires a balancing of the public’s right to disclosure against the individual’s right to privacy. The privacy interests of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in disclosure of the information

Since Treasury's response constitutes an adverse action, you have the right to appeal this determination within 90 days from the date of this letter. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision. Your appeal must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and should contain the rationale for your appeal. Please also cite the FOIA reference number noted above. Your appeal should be addressed to:

FOIA Appeal  
FOIA and Transparency  
Privacy, Transparency, and Records  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20220

If you submit your appeal by mail, clearly mark the letter and the envelope with the words "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within **90 days** from the date of this letter.

If you would like to discuss this response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact Paul Levitan, the FOIA Public Liaison, for assistance via email at [FOIAPL@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIAPL@treasury.gov), or via phone at (202) 622-8098.

A FOIA Public Liaison is a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests in order to minimize fees and expedite processing time.

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) also mediates disputes between FOIA requesters and federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. If you wish to contact OGIS, you may contact the agency directly at the following address, emails, fax or telephone numbers:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 202-741-5770  
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448  
Fax: 202-741-5769

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90- day appeal clock.

Could you please let us know of your continued interest in the request? If we do not receive a response within 30 working days, we will administratively close your request.

You may reach me via telephone at 202-622-1391, or via email at [FOIA@treasury.gov](mailto:FOIA@treasury.gov). Please reference 2017-04-209 when contacting our office about this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Levitan  
Director, FOIA & Transparency

Enclosures:  
Copy of original FOIA request  
Responsive document set (43 pages)